IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE V.GIRI

TUESDAY, THE 20TH NOVEMBER 2007 / 29TH KARTHIKA 1929

WP(C).No. 31721 of 2007(B)

PETITIONER:

JOSEPH.K.V., S/O.VARGHESE,
KUNNATTU HOUSE, CHIRAKKAKAM,
VARAPUZHA P.O., ERNAKULAM DISTRICT.

BY ADV. SRI.G.HARIHARAN

RESPONDENTS:

1. STATE WATER TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT,
   ALAPPUZHA REPRESENTED BY ITS DIRECTOR.

2. ACCOUNTANT GENERAL (A&E) KERALA,
   THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

BY GOVERNMENT PLEADER SRI.NANDAKUMAR

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 20/11/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

V.GIRI, J.

W.P.(C).No.31721 of 2007 B

Dated this the 20th day of November, 2007.

JUDGMENT

Petitioner, who was working as a Boat Srank in the State Water Transport Department, retired on superannuation on 31.1.2007. The Death cum Retirement Gratuity and Commuted Value of Pension were sanctioned by the Accountant General as per Ext.P1. Petitioner is aggrieved that the Death cum Retirement Gratuity and Commuted Value of Pension has not been disbursed to him, so far.

2. On a perusal of the writ petition, it can be seen that apparently there were liabilities which the petitioner had incurred with the Ernakulam Service Co-operative Bank and the Vaikom Taluk Government Co-operative Society. According to the petitioner, those liabilities have been cleared. Nevertheless, the NLC/LC has not been issued.

3. After having heard learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Senior Government Pleader, the writ petition is disposed of directing the first

respondent to take appropriate steps to finalise the liability, if any, incurred by the petitioner and issue NLC/LC to the petitioner within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a copy of this judgment. The amount due to the petitioner by way of DCRG will be disbursed to him within one month thereafter.

Petitioner has raised a claim for interest on the delayed payment. In the circumstances, it is appropriate that the petitioner agitates that matter in appropriate proceedings.

Sd/-
(V.GIRI)
JUDGE

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P.S. To Judge